

The actions of Clear Channel Communications and other media providers in the weeks leading up to the recent action in Iraq clearly demonstrate the dangers of having only large, corporate voices on the public airwaves. By stifling debate on the issue, these corporations constitute a threat to democracy in its clearest sense. Conservatives and liberals alike should realize this and oppose greater liberalization of the media ownership rules. You at the FCC are here to protect the public trust. The reason that we even have an FCC is because control of the airwaves is special and in this day and age crucial to providing the information to a democratic public. If you vote to allow even more media consolidation you are violating that trust.